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Dear Josh:

I have just received a copy of memorandum FFB-100 on your meeting on July 8th. As you probably know the problem of sterilizing space probes was taken up at a meeting of the Bio-Astronautics committee, especially by the Panel on Extraterrestrial Life of which I am Vice-Chairman. The Panel recommended to the Executive Council to request the President of the National Academy of Sciences to take the necessary steps for convincing our own agencies of the necessity for sterilizing space probes and of attempting to convince our Russian colleagues to do likewise. I shall be in California between September 12 and 19 and I will try to call you during that time and tell you in greater detail what took place.

Sincerely,



Wolf Vishniac

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